

MINERS WILL STRIKE

Forty Thousand Men in the Anthracite Region Want Better Wages.

They Have No Hope for a Conference With the Operators Because the Latter Refuse to Recognize Them or Their Demands.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 19.—News has reached here that about 40,000 miners in the anthracite district of Pennsylvania, near Scranton and Shamokin, who have been in a restless state for some time, have decided to strike. Delegate T. D. Hays, of the Ninth district, with headquarters at Scranton, Pa., says a strike is unavoidable as the men have been waiting for some time and entertain a bitter feeling toward the operators who have refused to recognize them. They have nothing to expect from this convention—they say, as none of the operators from that field will be present at the joint conference to be held here next week.

Miles Daugherty, president of the First district, which adjoins the Ninth, says that the miners in the First will follow those in the Ninth, which means the calling out of all of the men in the anthracite district in Pennsylvania. It is said here as none of the mine operators of the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania have ever attended a conference with the United Mine Workers of America, there is no just reason to be given for the men to hold off any longer.

"The trouble has been brewing for a long time," said Mr. Hays, "and I have been doing my best to avoid it. For weeks and months the men have been clamoring for vigorous action toward enforcing a demand for higher wages. I have been holding them off and when I left for the convention there had been repeated conferences and full determination to strike had been arrived at. I asked the men to hold off till after the convention but my advice of private nature lead me to believe the men will wait no longer but will go out this week unless their demands are met. About 40,000 men will be affected."

FOR INDEPENDENCE.

The Ruler of the Yaqui Indians Issues a Proclamation to the American People.

El Paso, Tex., Jan. 19.—The Indians of Sonora, the only race in all Mexico that was able to survive the Spanish invasion and preserve its individuality, are making their last stand against the Mexican government. Thus far it seems the Mexican soldiers have been found inadequate to cope with the Yaguis.

A proclamation has been issued by the ruler of the Yaqui nation, addressed to the American people, and its contents follow:

The Yaqui nation has begun its struggle for independence. It will no longer tolerate the Mexican army in Sonora. The nation has established a provisional government, the officers of which are at Basilepe. In the event of the success of the Yaqui people over the Mexicans, no foreigners except native born Americans will be allowed in Sonora for several years. The property and persons of Americans in Sonora will be protected by the Yaguis in every way.

Russian Ironclad Ashore.

St. Petersburg, Jan. 19.—The Russian ironclad Poltava, of 10,000 tons, is dangerously ashore near Libau, on the Baltic. The Poltava was built at St. Petersburg in 1894. She is 367 feet 6 inches long and 59 feet wide, and has a depth of 26 feet. Her indicated horsepower is 11,255. Her armament consists of four 12-inch guns, 22 5.9-inch, quick-fire guns, and 24 smaller guns. She also has six torpedo tubes. The cost of her construction was \$5,490,000.

Murders in the Klondike.

Seattle, Wash., Jan. 19.—Passengers arriving from Dawson via Skagway, on the City of Topeka, confirm the report of the murder of Fred H. Clayton, the Skagway merchant, a Northwest police telegraph operator named Olsen and two Klondikers whose names are unknown, near Minto, on Christmas day. A man named O'Brien is now under arrest at Taggart, charged with the crime. Another has been arrested at White Horse and a third escaped to Seattle. The men were murdered for their money.

Could Reform Cuban Abuses.

Havana, Jan. 19.—Senator Llanza, who was secretary of justice in the advisory cabinet of Gen. Brooke, said: "Three American and three Cuban lawyers, acting as a commission, could reform certain abuses in Cuban laws without injuring the general consistency of the system, and the whole country would gain by such a reformation. This work of reform is only a question of time, as the abuses must be swept away."

Bartender Shot by Robbers.

Leadville, Col., Jan. 19.—At an early hour to-day three masked men held up Golob's saloon on Harrison avenue. Jerry Ryan, the bartender, refused to throw up his hands and was shot twice by one of the robbers, dying instantly. The robbers fled.

Paterson Day Recovered.

Paterson, N. J., Jan. 19.—Mrs. M. J. Patterson, aged 80 years, the only daughter of President Andrew Jackson, who has been seriously ill here, is slightly improved. Chances for recovery are favorable.

ELECTED OFFICERS.

Miners Re-Elect Their President and Secretary Unanimously, the Opponents Withdrawing.

Indianapolis, Ind., Jan. 20.—When the miners were preparing to vote for officers the candidates for president and secretary withdrew and moved that President Mitchell and Secretary Pearce be re-elected by acclamation. It was done with a whoop.

Three hours was then devoted to balloting for the other officers. The race for vice president is between W. D. Van Horn, Thomas H. Lewis, of Ohio, and John P. Reese, of Iowa. The result has not yet been announced.

A resolution was submitted to the committee on resolutions by a western delegate expressing sympathy for the Boers. This resolution will come before the convention later and, it is expected, will precipitate a vigorous discussion. Many of those who are natives of England, while others are natives of countries not familiar with the English.

A proposition to request all local to incorporate under state laws was killed, as was a resolution to appropriate \$30,000 for the employment of organizers. A resolution providing that organizers should be selected by the district in which they were to work was voted down. It was offered by Delegate Hayes, of the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania, and President Mitchell expressed surprise that such a resolution should come from a region which had locals of 500 and even 600 members which were paying on but 200 members. This region, he said, had received more money than it had paid into the national treasury.

President Van Horn, of Indiana, was summoned to Hazelton, in the southern part of the state, by the information that a conference was to be held between the operators and the 100 members who have been on a strike since last May.

President Mitchell wired for information as to the exact situation in the anthracite regions of Pennsylvania and received a wire stating that a letter containing full information was on the way.

Members of the wage scale say that on account of the diversity of demands by the different states, it will be very difficult to formulate a report and this can not possibly be done before some time next week.

WAR WAS CONDEMNED.

Sensational Speech on the Transvaal War Made in the Senate by Mr. Hale, of Maine.

Washington, Jan. 20.—A speech, sensational in its interest and international in its importance, was delivered in the senate by Mr. Hale (rep., Me.). The occasion of the utterance was the simple question whether a resolution introduced by Mr. Allen (pop., Neb.) calling for information as the recognition by this country of diplomatic representation of the Transvaal Republic should be directed to the president or to the secretary of state. Mr. Hale made the question the text of an impassioned speech in which he declared that nine-tenths of the American people sympathized with the Boers in their gallant struggle for liberty against one of the greatest powers in the world.

He declared that "The war which Great Britain is waging is the most fell blow at human liberty that has been struck in the century." He denied that the American people were "in sympathy with Great Britain in the South African war to stamp out the liberty of a people," and when Mr. Balfour, in the house of commons, made such a statement, "He should be met with some disclaimer from this side of the Atlantic." He declared that the English people themselves were not in favor of the war which "had been brought on by a sharp cabinet minister engaged with gold speculators."

Mr. Hale spoke with unusual force, decisiveness and earnestness, even for him, and his passionate eloquence claimed the closest attention of every auditor.

The resolution which previous to Mr. Hale's speech had caused a sharp colloquy between Mr. Allen and Mr. Spooner (rep., Wis.), was passed finally as amended.

Mr. Morgan (dem., Ala.), addressed the senate briefly on the financial bill.

Miss Morrison's Lecture Venture.

Bristol, Tenn., Jan. 20.—The request of Julia Morrison, slayer of actor Frank Leiden, for a date to lecture in Bristol has been turned down by the manager of the Harpelling opera house "It would be a disgrace," said Manager Cannon, "to countenance such a thing."

The woman continues to meet with poor encouragement in her lecture venture.

Thirteen Killed and Forty Injured.

Turin, Jan. 18.—It is now announced that 13 persons were killed and 40 others were wounded by the explosion of dynamite at Avigliano, 11 miles from here. The Count of Turin and the Duke of Aosta have visited the injured in the hospital.

Rat Ran Up His Leg.

Cumberland, Md., Jan. 20.—George Fradeska, aged 16, had a remarkable experience. A rat ran up his pants leg, which so frightened Fradeska that he jumped into a creek and was nearly drowned while trying to drown the rodent, which bit him until blood streamed into his shoes.

Alleged Embezzler Arrested.

New York, Jan. 20.—Leroy W. Secor, charged with having committed the embezzlement of \$17,000 from the Goodrich Transportation Co., of Milwaukee, was arrested in this city.

GEN. OTIS' REPORT.

He Informs the War Department of Military Affairs in the Philippines—Several Skirmishes.

Washington, Jan. 20.—The war department Friday received the following cablegram from Gen. Otis:

Manila, Jan. 19.—Hughes reports from San Jose de Buena Vista, western coast Panay, that he crossed the mountains northwesterly direction San Joaquin, southern Panay, 17th; struck enemy crossing Antique river, capturing rifles, cannon and Nordenfeldt, pursued insurgents through Antique Egana and Sibalem, their capital, and marched to San Jose; casualties, one wounded, enemy lost considerable; entire population fled to the mountains; heat oppressive.

MacArthur reports 17th instant that 35 rifles surrendered at Florida Blanca; that at Manibang, McRae, 3d infantry, captured three insurgent officers, wife of Gen. Mescardo, considerable insurgent property, and liberated three Spanish prisoners; that at Galang, captured ten insurgents, burned seven tons of rice and insurgent barracks; that Sullivan, of 34th infantry, near San Jose, surprised insurgent force, captured six rifles and considerable live stock; that Lieut. Houle, 3d infantry, captured near Malolos one officer, 25 men and six rifles; that Van Horn, 17th infantry, struck Ladrones at Santa Cruz, killed 17, wounded five captured 13 and nine rifles; MacArthur reports 18th instant strong mounted position west Mabalecat occupied by Gen. Ilizon and 50 men captured yesterday by McRae, 3d infantry; enemy left lieutenant and four dead men in trenches; McRae captured captain, one man, 130 rifles, several thousand rounds of ammunition, deserted arsenal, quantity of rice, casualties, one man wounded; Bates reports that Swagan's column cavalry fighting at Batangas to move eastward on 19th; infantry now moving that direction, enemy retreating, suffering loss in men and property, our casualties few, mostly slight wounds; that portion Wheaton's troops will enter Lemery and Tal tomorrow, now meeting opposition in mountains, which impedes march. Six officers, 54 enlisted men, four civil employees, 11 friars, all Spanish prisoners, released by Schwan, arrived from Batangas last evening, nearly two hundred arrived Manila day before via Calamba; Young et Vigan reports number of successful skirmishes in mountains with remnant insurgent organization and robber bands, with slight casualties among his troops; Kobbe expedition, Randolph light battery, 43d and 47th infantry, conveyed by naval vessels Helewa and Nashville, sailed for Albany province and Satai and Loyte islands yesterday.

RUSSIA AND JAPAN.

A Sanguinary Struggle About to Begin Which Will Settle the Supremacy in Corea.

Washington, Jan. 20.—An interview with Lieut. Romanoff, of the Imperial Russian navy, in Chicago, in which he predicted war between Russia and Japan, is confirmed by private letters from Japan, written within a month. These letters describe the situation prevailing in Japan, which is one of intense anxiety and national preparation. Great precautions have been observed in Japan to prevent her plans of preparation from becoming public. The government of the United States has been officially advised by her own agents in Japan of the preparations, but such matters are not given out when received.

The situation in Japan described in letters received through official channels is one of hasty preparation. The Japanese fleet was being mobilized, all leaves to Japanese soldiers denied and they are kept at their posts, while a call for volunteers was said to be imminent. The difficulty grows out of the contest between Russia and Japan for supremacy in Corea.

HE USED AN AX.

Martin Bergen, Catcher for the Boston Last Season, Killed His Family and Himself.

North Dromfield, Mass., Jan. 20.—Martin Bergen, the catcher of the Boston baseball team of the national league, killed his wife and two children, and committed suicide at his home here Friday. An ax was the implement used in taking the life of Mrs. Bergen and one of the children, while a razor was employed to cut the throat of the other child, a little girl, and of the man himself. It is thought the action was due to insanity. It has long been suspected that Bergen was a victim of mental derangement. In fact, some of his actions in connection with his baseball managers last season led to the supposition at that time.

The affair was discovered by the neighbors, who found the body of Bergen and the girl lying on the kitchen floor. Further investigation showed that Mrs. Bergen and the little boy also had been killed. Their bodies lay upon a bed in the chamber. Bergen was 35 years old.

Only a Case of Smallpox.

Victoria, B. C., Jan. 20.—The steamer Mohamouthshire has arrived here. This is the vessel that signaled to Casmanah Point on Vancouver island that she had sickness aboard. This was thought to be a case of bubonic plague, but it proves to have been only a case of smallpox.

New Ministry for Austria.

Vienna, Jan. 20.—Emperor Francis Joseph has accepted the resignation of the ministry of Dr. H. Von Wille and has instructed Dr. Von Koerber to take the task of forming a new ministry.

NEWS ITEMS.

T. H. Webb was shot and killed by Will Toland at Yonkum, Tex.

About 1,500,000 bushels of coal were started down the river from Pittsburgh.

Richard D. Blackmore, the novelist died in London. He was born at Longworth, Berks, in 1852.

Cain McWhite, colored, was instantly killed while driving across a railroad track at Blackshear, Ga.

James Pyle, the well known song manufacturer, died at his home in New York city, aged 77 years.

At Milledgeville, Ga., Lee Dago was killed in trying to get on the front platform of an engine while drunk.

Prof. Slaby, of Berlin, says that if Germany has any competitor to fear in electrotechnics it is not Great Britain but the United States.

Congressman Bailey announces that he has no intention of abandoning the senatorial race in Texas against Senator Chilton.

Mrs. Annie Ellsworth Smith, widow of Roswell Smith, founder of the Century Co., died at her home in New York city, aged 73 years.

A. J. Vanlandingham, commissioner of the St. Louis Traffic Bureau, died at his residence on Washington boulevard, St. Louis, of heart disease.

The Ashland woolen mills, at Ashland, Ore., were destroyed by fire. The total loss is \$65,000; insurance, \$12,000.

Rev. Dr. J. Henry Sharpe, a prominent Presbyterian clergyman, died at his home in Philadelphia, aged 53 years. He was born at Cadiz, O.

The steamer Doric, which arrived at San Francisco from the Orient, landed 700 Japanese. This completed a list of 2,000 inside of four days.

The post office at Maseotah, Ill., was robbed of considerable money and \$200 worth of postage stamps. The burglars blew open the safe and escaped on a hand car.

All the street car lines are tied up in Troy, N. Y., as the result of the strike of 255 motormen and conductors of the United Traction Co. The men demand 20 cents an hour and a ten hour day.

Clifford K. England, of Detroit, who three years ago embezzled \$10,000 from the Warren-Schaff Asphalt Co., of that city, has been landed in jail there, having been arrested in Chicago.

The birthday of Gen. Robert E. Lee was celebrated in all the leading cities of the south by the societies of the army and navy of the confederate states and daughters of the confederacy.

The first 500-foot steamer on the great lakes was successfully launched at Lorain, O. It was named the John W. Gates. The boat is built of steel, 52 foot beam and 30 feet molded depth.

The law regulating the salaries of county officials in Tennessee has been declared unconstitutional. The new law provided for saving several hundred thousands of dollars annually to the people.

Ham White, one of the most desperate characters in the southwest and a stage robber for many years, has been taken to the Texas penitentiary from Ft. Worth to serve a sentence of 47 years.

Julius Schmitt, editor of the New Boston Telegraph, and of the New England states a prominent German-American resident and a member of many organizations, died in Boston.

The records of the immigratio bureau, born in Alexander, Va.

Mary White, of Birmingham, Ala., a dependent consumptive, took laudanum with suicidal intent, but was saved by the timely arrival of a physician. Later she poured oil on her clothing and set them on fire, dying before aid reached her.

Excitement prevails at Camden, Tenn., over the failure of the Camden Bank and Trust Co., which has closed its doors. The liabilities are placed at \$35,000 and its assets are unknown. This was the only bank in Camden and held deposits from two counties.

The provincial government of British Columbia has declared its intention of so amending its alien exclusion law as to hereafter permit Americans to hold claims purchased from Canadian holders. Such a concession quite satisfies the Americans at Atlin.

Advises from Dawson report that United States Mail Carrier Holcomb has arrived at Eagle from Whites, completing the first winter trip as carrier of the government mail from the seat of the Yukon, a distance of 430 miles.

Dr. Abraham H. Whitmer, first assistant physician at the government hospital for the insane, died of heart failure in Washington, aged 55 years. He had been connected with the government hospital for the insane for 20 years.

While Great Britain is being depleted by death and war service of representatives of her best families comes, the announcement that the year 1900 will give the queen several new great-grand children. Since the first of the year two have already made their appearance.

G. C. McConnell, of Macon, Ga., was found dead beside the railroad track in that city. His body was horribly mangled.

News has been received from Cairo that Osman Digna, principal general of the late Khedive, has been captured.

Louis Strong, who was to have been hanged at Marion, Ark., for wife murder, has been respited for 30 days by Gov. Jones.

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